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## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CAL.

*Week ended October 31.*

Rats trapped.....	1
Squirrels caught.....	81
Squirrels examined bacteriologically.....	81

*Report from Los Angeles, Cal.—Examination of rodents for plague infection.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Stimson reports, November 5:

Rodents examined in the laboratory from October 26 to November 1, inclusive:

Squirrels.....	161
Gray rats.....	241
Black rats.....	21
Gambel pocket mouse.....	5

None of the animals was found to be infected with plague.

*Reports from Seattle, Wash.—Plague-prevention work—Summary of work, month of October, 1908.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Glover reports, November 7 and 9:

*Week ended November 7.*

Date of finding of last plague rat, September 26, 1908.

Rats received.....	1, 010
Rats necropsied.....	809
Plague-infected rats to date.....	21
Vessels inspected.....	12
Vessels fumigated.....	5

## SUMMARY, OCTOBER, 1908.

November 7. During the month of October, 17 vessels were fumigated and 42 inspected at this port.

During the month 1 rat was determined to be infected with plague. It was caught September 26 in a snap trap on the water front in a grain warehouse. The problem of rat protection and rat extermination in this locality is a very perplexing one by reason of the construction of the streets and business houses on wooden piling. The city trappers placed about 7 dozen traps beneath the 1200 block from Western avenue to the water's edge, and about 4 dozen snap traps were placed in the buildings of this block. Poisons were also placed in this district. One hundred and ninety-six rats were brought in from this district during the month, 16 of which had been picked up dead. Many of these latter were too badly decomposed to admit of any examination. No other plague-infected rats were found during the month. An effort is being made by the city trappers to cover all the district on the water front beneath the piling, as well as above, and to this end, in addition to the above-mentioned traps, 6 traps, mostly cage traps, have been set in each block. Five hundred and sixty rats have been brought in from the water front during the month, including those from the 1200 block.